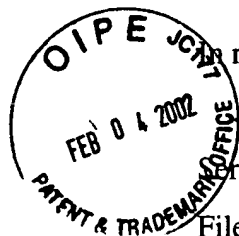


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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97, Applicants submit herewith Form PTO-1449, identifying information for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant wishes to bring to the Examiner's attention a co-pending, commonly assigned patent application number 09/639,635 filed on August 15, 2000, a copy of which is enclosed.

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